

From: iharding@pakrat.com@inetgw
To: Microsoft ATR
Date: 12/11/01 12:26pm
Subject: You have got to be kidding me.

If you let Microsoft make money off the settlement by giving away something that costs them nothing (copies of their software) and infects the minds of young children with the Microsoft virus, you guys are as bad as them.

Their smug lawyers have actually stated on TV that they are happy about the settlement allowing them to "Influence thousands of young computer users" by indoctrinating them into the world of daily crashes, incompatibilities, and forced use of substandard software.

Make them give hardware only, and not just from their cronies and subsidiaries. Better yet, make them give COMPETITORS software like *bsd or linux.

I hate them for the productivity they have cost us. Look in the mirror and realistically answer the question "How much time have I wasted trying to make [Access, Excel, Word] do something I could have done in 2 seconds with a [Rolodex, Calculator, Typewriter]. There are better solutions and they do not enrich a bloated monopoly. The computer this was composed upon contains no trace of the microsoft virus. It is attacked daily by Outlook macro viruses, but is impervious to them. It runs at 20 Mhz and has 8 Mb of RAM. There is no microsoft operating system that will run on it. It, however, supports IPv6, secure access, and a host of other features that microsofts current crop of operating systems do not.

If a human read this, thank you for taking the time. Put a checkmark in the "opposed" column in your Access database.

Sigh.

Ian A. Harding
Tacoma Washington